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Applicant(s): Takashi MORITA

Group Art Unit: 2872

Appln. No. : 10/781,873

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed : February 20, 2004

For : SCANNER HAVING A LIGHT BEAM INCIDENT POSITION
ADJUSTING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were cited during the prosecution of parent application U.S. Patent Application No. 10/098,544, which was filed on March 18, 2002 and grandparent application U.S. Patent Application No. 09/271,455, which was filed March 18, 1999 and is presently abandoned:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-148491, which was published on May 27, 1994, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 4,918,306 to SAITO, which issued on April 17, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 4,998,790 to IIZUKA et al., which issued on March 12, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,237,457 to OONO et al., which issued on August 17, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,606,449 to NISHIYAMA, which issued February 25, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,621,562 to HAMA, which issued on April 15, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,610,755 to OHTSUKA, which issued on March 11, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,418,638 to HIRASAWA, which issued on May 23, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,936,756 to NAKAJIMA, which issued on August 10, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,307,104 to HAMASAKI, which issued on April 26, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 4,251,149 to KIMURA, which issued on February 17, 1981; and

U.S. Patent No. 3,852,651 to DUFENDACH, which issued on December 3, 1974.

All of the above-noted documents have already been made of record in the parent or grandparent application (of which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120) and thus, further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)(i), copies of the above-noted patent documents are not attached herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. All of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,891 to MORITA, entitled "Scanner Having a Light Beam Incident Position Adjusting Device," which was filed on February 20, 2004; and

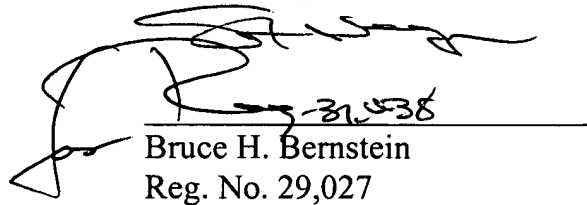
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,874 to MORITA, entitled "Scanner Having a Light Beam Incident Position Adjusting Device," which was filed on February 20, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached. Further, each of these applications is noted to also be a divisional of the parent of the present application (i.e., of Application No. 10/098,544). However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Takashi MORITA

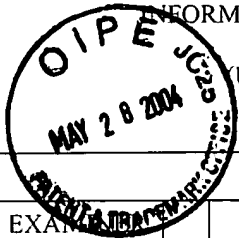


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